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**RESPONSE TO INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

Applicants kindly thank the Examiner for discussing this application in an interview on August 29, 2006. While not acquiescing to the substance of the Examiner's remarks regarding patentability, Applicants agree with the Examiner's description of the interview provided in the Interview Summary of September 14, 2006.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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